Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 18-233 S-062

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Attention: Nicohl R. Wilding

Regulatory Specialist

Dear Ms. Wilding:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated July 19, 2002, received July 23, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Sterile Water for Injection, USP, in Flexible Plastic Containers.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated November 8, 2002.

The "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for a revised package insert per the requirements of 21 CFR 201.323 and revised release and stability specifications, which include a test for aluminum determination with the acceptance criterion of "NMT 25 mcg/L of aluminum."

We have completed our review of this supplemental new drug application, as amended, and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter.

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2 FDA 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Victoria Kao, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7416.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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